

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows. This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1-28. (Canceled)

29. (Currently Amended) A dishwasher comprising:

a washing container to retain therein objects to be washed by the dishwasher; and
a system to dry objects to be washed, the system including a heater to heat at least part of the air present in the dishwasher and a humidity sensor to detect the humidity of at least part of the air present in the dishwasher,

wherein the system for drying the objects to be washed includes a display to indicate the humidity determined by the humidity sensor in use; and

wherein the system is switchable to an off position by an operator in an independent manner as a function of the humidity determined by the humidity sensor and indicated on the display.

30. (Currently Amended) The dishwasher according to claim 29, wherein the system for drying the objects to be washed includes ~~a selected one of an electronic controller and a non-electronic controller~~ to control the display as a function of the humidity determined by the humidity sensor.

31. (Previously Presented) The dishwasher according to claim 29, wherein the humidity sensor is arranged in the washing container of the dishwasher.

32. (Currently Amended) The dishwasher according to claim 29, wherein the humidity sensor is arranged in an upper area of the ~~dishwasher~~ washing container in the immediate proximity of the washed objects to be dried.

33. (Previously Presented) A method for cleaning and drying objects to be washed in dishwashers, the method comprising:

subjecting the objects to be washed to at least one rinsing process;

after the at least one rinsing process, subjecting the objects to be washed to a drying process, wherein at least some of the air present in the dishwasher is heated by a heater;

detecting the humidity of at least some of the air present in the dishwasher by a humidity sensor during the drying process;

displaying the detected humidity on a display; and

allowing an operator to control the drying process in an independent manner as a function of the detected humidity and the humidity indicated on the display.

34. (Previously Presented) The method for drying objects to be washed in dishwashers according to claim 33, wherein the drying process is controlled as a function of the humidity determined by the humidity sensor by means of a non-electronic or an electronic controller.

35. (Previously Presented) The method for drying objects to be washed in dishwashers according to claim 33, wherein the drying process is ended as a function of the humidity determined by the humidity sensor.

36. (Previously Presented) The method for drying objects to be washed in dishwashers according to claim 33, wherein the operation of the heater is controlled as a function of the humidity determined by the humidity sensor.

37. (Previously Presented) The method for drying objects to be washed in dishwashers according to claim 33, wherein the operation of the heater is ended as a function of the humidity determined by the humidity sensor.